

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

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San Jose will prosper if we create opportunities for homeownership, higher education, and jobs that pay a living wage. I am a businesswoman who believes there is no government program that's as good as becoming part of the middle class. Once elected, I will pursue these policies:

1. Expand the use of redevelopment to build more housing in older neighborhoods – removing blight and replacing it with homes people can afford to buy.
2. Increase access to community college by providing assistance in acquiring the textbooks and tools students need but can't afford. Fees do not block access – Cal Grants and fee waivers are available. The cost of textbooks forces working students to ration their education and take fewer courses.
3. Tie every form of city subsidy that business receives to an obligation to pay a living wage. Recent studies show that living wage ordinances are working. San Jose was a pioneer. We need to expand it to cover more businesses benefiting from public subsidies of any kind.

I hope you will consider me... for safer neighborhoods, better jobs, and greater opportunities for everyone in San Jose.